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SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZAPU DENIES INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE

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1. THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S VOICE, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ZAPU, CONTAINS AN EDITORIAL DENYING ALLEGATIONS IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA (REFTEL) THAT RECENT INCIDENTS AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE WERE THE RESULT OF INTERNAL CONFLICTS. THE EDITORIAL CONTENDS THAT SUCH A SITUATION COULD NOT EXIST BECAUSE ZAPU IS FIRMLY UNITED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JOSHUA NKOMO. THE VOICE STATES, "TO ATTRIBUTE ENEMY ATTACKS OF THE ZAPU PATRIOTIC FRONT TO INTERNAL FIGHTING IS TO INDULGE IN VERY DISRUPTIVE AND DIVISIVE DAY-DREAMING THAT CAN SEVE ONLY AS INEFFECTIVE FUEL FOR THE ENEMY'S PROPAGANDA FURNANCES."

2. THE EDITORIAL CHARGES THAT THE TIMES HAS MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN MEANT TO "VILLIFY" ZAPU. THE VOICE COMMENTS, "WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT AS VICTIMS OF ANTI-FREEDOM ATTACKS, SLANDER, DISTORTIONS, AND INSINUATIONS, WE DESERVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ALL FORCES FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM." THE ZAPU PAPER MAKES NO MENTION OF THE ALLEGED ATTACKS BY MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ON THREE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE TIMES WHO WERE SENT TO COVER THE STORY OF THE INCIDENTS AT ZIMBABWE HOUSE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS UNLIKELY TIMES OF ZAMBIA IS OUT TO

VILLIFY ZAPU NOR IS THE TIMES ANTI-ZAPU, QUITE THE CONTRARY.
HOWEVER, THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TIMES IS UPSET OVER THE
MANHANDLING OF THREE OF ITS REPORTERS BY ZAPU AND APPEARS
QUITE READY TO GET BACK AT ZAPU BY PUBLISHING RUMORS THAT
ABOUND IN LUSAKA TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SHOOTOUT WAS AN
INTERNAL AFFAIR. LOW

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